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## RUSSIA MAY NOW PROPOSE PEACE

Will Obtain the Best Terms of Settlement Possible.

### JAPANESE OCCUPY CHANG TU

Mikado's Men Still Pursuing Russians and Report that Czar's Army is in a Disorderly Retreat Along the Railroad—Other War News.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—6:05 p.m.—The ministers and supporters of the court who advocate the submission of pacific proposals to Japan as previously set forth in these dispatches, so as to ascertain whether an honorable basis of peace is possible, believe they have carried the day and the Associated Press hears on high authority that an actual step is imminent if not already taken.

Tokio, March 23.—Noon.—An official dispatch from the Japanese army headquarters says:

Our detachment pursuing the ene-



Map Showing Russian Line of Retreat

my entered Chang Tu on March 24 at 2:30 p.m.

A large body of the enemy, in disorder, is retreating toward the northeast, along the line of the railway.

A part of the enemy's cavalry was halted at a point within 2 miles north of Chang Tu.

### News From St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—General Linovitch telegraphed under date of March 22 that he had no news of any encounters of the Japanese on March 21.

An internal loan of \$100,000,000 was signed today. The price of issue is 85, and the bonds are redeemable in 50 years.

One of the best signs of the times is the announcement today that in a fortnight the minister of public instruction will undertake the elaboration of a plan for a compulsory system of primary education. Representatives of the schools in the principal cities are invited to participate in the drawing up of the plan.

### CHARGED WITH AWFUL CRIME.

Rego "Voodoo" Doctor on Trial for Brutally Killing a White Child.

New York, March 24.—King Ben Rego, a negro of African descent, has been placed on trial under the charge made some months ago of killing a white child 18 months old, cables The Havana's Havana correspondent.

The child's body was found at Guayama, Meleis, horribly mutilated and with the heart removed. Charges were made that Rego posed as a "voodoo" doctor and that when an old negro consulted him for treatment he advised that her only remedy was to eat the heart of a white person.

Kidnaping of the child victim is alleged to have followed. A dozen negroes were arrested on charges of being accessories to the crime.

According to the great fear in which the "voodoo" doctors are held, there has been great difficulty thus far in obtaining testimony. The case is at drawing much interest in Havana.

### DOUBLE HANGING AT PITTSBURG

Two Murderers Pay the Penalty of for Their Crime on Scaffold.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 24.—Two men were hanged here today and the first unsuccessful hanging was recorded in Allegheny county.

Reno Darda went to the scaffold first and his neck was broken. William J. Biers followed him and when the trap was sprung the loop of the noose pulled apart, precipitating him to the ground. For about a minute he staggered around under the scaffold and then Sheriff Dickson caught him and removing the noose and black cap carried him into the jail. He was not badly hurt. The rope was again adjusted and Biers, pale and trembling, was again placed on the scaffold and the trap sprung. This time there was no mishap, and death resulted from strangulation.

Biers was convicted on his own confession of the killing of August J. Layton, at Turtle Creek, Pa. Darda killed James Sinclair at Imperial, Pa.

### SHAW VISITS NEW YORK.

Secretary of Treasury is in Gotham on Official Business.

New York, March 24.—Secretary of the treasury Shaw has visited this city and together with Senator Allison, of Iowa, consulted with local interests, it is said, concerning proposals connected with suggested tariff revisions to be considered by a special session of congress in the fall. Senator Allison, who is ranking member of the senate finance committee in the absence abroad of the chairman, Senator Aldrich, has been here since Monday, conferring with representatives of various trades as to possible efforts of reductions in schedules affecting their products.

Senator Allison would not discuss the trades to be affected, but it is intimated by The Herald that in order to make up the deficiency in revenue through reduction of certain tariffs schedules several of the least obnoxious of the internal revenue taxes imposed during the war with Spain may be revived.

### SHIPS FOR DRUNKARDS.

Novel Way of Treating Alcoholic Patients Advocated By Physician.

Chicago, March 24.—Hospital ships for habitual drunkards, to be anchored in a safely isolated part of the harbor is the scheme proposed by Dr. C. L. Mix, expert in the treatment of alcoholic patients, in a lecture before the social science class in the fine arts building. Dr. Mix discussed the subject of a cure for inebriates calling the present system of throwing drunkards indiscriminately into the Bridewell "archaic."

An habitual drunkard is a diseased man, said Dr. Mix, and he should be looked after with a medical eye.

The first thing to do is to withdraw the poison, then take care of the reactionary symptoms. The physical damage on the stomach, liver and kidneys must be repaired. After this, comes the year or so of convalescence and the patient should have an education of the evils of alcoholism.

### Christian Scientists Let Man Die.

New York, March 24.—An inquest by the coroner has begun into the death of William Nunn, a resident of Brooklyn, who died recently from a fractured skull in a fall. Nunn was treated by Christian Science methods until the matter came to the attention of the authorities. Nunn's condition was then hopeless, however, and he died in a few days. A physician, who examined Nunn, testified that Nunn had been subjected to the Christian Science treatment for six weeks, despite the fact that with ordinary medical treatment he would have recovered in a short time. The hearing was not concluded.

### John W. Gates in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., March 24.—John W. Gates, the well known millionaire, who spent a short while in the city last night, stated publicly that he was not now interested in any deals of any character. Mr. Gates stated that he was not engaged in any active business enterprises at present and is paying no attention to the stock market.

## VENEZUELA WILL PAY BONDHOLDERS

Agreement Made With Foreigners Who Own Securities.

### SHE MUST RESPECT FOREIGNERS

While England and Germany Seem To Be Satisfied, France is of the Opinion that Venezuela Will Have To Be Taught a Lesson in Diplomacy.

London, March 24.—The Associated Press learned today at the office of the counsel of the foreign bondholders that the agreement between the Venezuelan government and the British and German bondholders adjusting and consolidating the exterior debt, about \$23,000,000, has already been signed by the representatives of Venezuela and the Great Britain bondholders. The agreement is now on its way to London for the signature of the representatives of the British bondholders.

With reference to a dispatch from Washington reporting that objection was raised to the agreement, Secretary Cooper, of the counsel for the foreign bondholders, said he considers the article 6 of the Washington protocol of 1893 absolutely justified and adds:

"During the negotiation we found President Castro to be perfectly businesslike and animated by a desire to effect a settlement."

Mr. Cooper pointed out, however, that the signing of the agreement was only a step toward settlement, since the document contains clauses relative to other subjects, the provisions which it was desired to keep secret, but which, he said, must first be fulfilled before a settlement with the Anglo-German bondholders can become an accomplished fact.

### Situation in France.

Paris, March 24.—In the course of Ambassador Porter's weekly visit to the foreign office today he conferred with Foreign Minister Delcasse, relative to the Franco-Venezuelan situation and it was disclosed that the French minister considers that the emergency of the situation has been entirely relieved as a result of the indefinite postponement of the decision of the Caracas court in the case of the French Cable company. The future course is expected to be slow, owing to the necessity for carrying the negotiations by mail.

The authorities here share the belief concerning the hopelessness of the present regime in Venezuela, and are inclined to the view that sooner or later some united means may have to be taken to ensure respect for foreign interests in Venezuela.

### 'FRISCO SEEKS ATLANTIC PORT.

Great Railroad System Will Build a Line to Seaboard.

New York, March 24.—In connection with the formation of a syndicate to carry through the 240-mile extension to the Atlantic and Birmingham Railway from Montezuma, Ga., to Birmingham, Ala., making a through line from Brunswick, on the Atlantic coast to Birmingham, a director of the road has denied the report that the 'Frisco interests, represented by H. F. Yoakum, had secured control of the road.

It will be recalled that before the purchase of the 'Frisco, a Rock Island director said that the road would never rest until it had "dipped its nose in the Atlantic ocean."

This ambition was supposed to lie behind the 'Frisco's acquisition of "a voice" in the Seaboard Air Line, a step which was later, partially, at least, retraced.

### Treasure Hunter's Ship Sold.

Lima, Peru, March 24.—The Peruvian transport Chalaco proceeded to Panama yesterday taking the officers and crew of the British yacht Veronique, which was engaged in the treasure hunting expedition to Coahuila land. The enterprise, which was headed by Earl FitzWilliam, resulted in disappointment. The Veronique has been purchased by Peru for \$100,000, and will be used as a coasting guard vessel.

### FOUR GUILTY OF PEONAGE.

Judge Speer Imposes a Very Heavy Fine on Guilty Parties.

Savannah, Ga., March 24.—William F. Crawley, of Waycross, and Thomas J. McMillan, former sheriff of Ware county, today pleaded guilty before Judge Speer in the United States court on a charge of peonage and were fined \$1,000 each, which was afterwards reduced to \$500 on condition there should be no further violation of the law.

In passing sentence the judge remarked that this was the last time there will be such a light sentence for this crime in his court. He says that there can be no more peonage for debt in his district.

The defendants were charged in four indictments with selling a negro woman against whom no warrant was issued to McRae Bros., for a consideration of \$50. The woman, it was alleged, was advised by the sheriff and attorney that she had been convicted and fined, and served nine months in the McRae convict camp.

George P. Hart and M. H. Cobb, two negro physicians of Waycross were put on trial in the United States court yesterday to answer charges of peonage. Both pleaded guilty, whereupon they were sentenced by Judge Emory Speer to pay a fine of \$1,000 each, \$700 of which is remitted during good behavior.

### MONUMENT TO DIXIE WOMEN.

Macon, Ga., Veterans Now Engaged in This Patriotic Work.

Macon, Ga., March 24.—The grizzled veterans of Macon are engaged in the task of erecting a monument in that city to the women of the south who by their love, sacrifice and devotion made possible the heroism of 1861-1865.

As old age creeps on them, the boys of the sixties are now passing away rapidly. It is their hearts' desire to see this work, so long delayed, begun and, at least, the base or pedestal placed in position to receive the monument proper.

They believe that every old soldier who reads this will recall what our women did during the trying period, and will want to contribute something if but a trifle. Every son and grandson of an old soldier, having heard the story of the devotion of the women of the south, will want to contribute.

The idea of erecting this monument in Macon, a little in front of the new city hall and auditorium, originated with the members of R. A. Smith camp United Confederate Veterans.

### BOYS ATTACK LITTLE GIRL.

Serious Charge is Made Against Two Youths in Clayton County, Ga.

Jonesboro, Ga., March 24.—Ewell Smith, a young white boy of 16, and Will McGlashan, a negro of about the same age, were lodged in jail here on a charge of having ill-used little Nellie Conkle, a school girl of 11.

It seems that the child, who is a daughter of Mrs. Sallie Conkle, was returning from school, and in passing through a railroad cut just above Lovejoy, met the two boys.

Both of the accused stoutly protest their innocence. The white boy is an orphan, but is related to fairly well-to-do parties in the lower section of Clayton county. The victim of the attack is in an extremely bad condition.

There is no excitement here, and no rumors of any unusual agitation at the scene of the crime.

### Great Rush of Immigrants.

New York, March 24.—The spring rush of immigration has almost swamped the government officials at Ellis Island. In the last three days 16,909 immigrants have reached this port. It is feared that Ellis Island will be taxed beyond its capacity during April and May. The steamer capacity on all of the principal steamship lines already is booked many weeks ahead, and the companies are putting on extra steamers to meet the great European exodus. Over 7,500 Russian Hebrews have reached here since the first of the month, but the immigration from Italy leads the list with 18,000. The percentage of Hungarian immigration is also showing a remarkable increase.

## BROCKTON MOURNS FOR DEAD CITIZENS

All Business Suspended During Funeral Services.

### BUILDINGS DRAPED IN BLACK

Flags Were Flying at Half Mast and the Bands and Drum Corps Played Dirges as the Remains of the Victims Were Laid to Rest.

Brockton, Mass., March 24.—Public funeral services were held today for more than two score of persons who lost their lives last Monday in the explosion and fire which created the greatest calamity in the history of the city and one of the greatest new England has ever known. Twenty thousand of Brockton's inhabitants working in the great shoe factories of the city and all that vast number joined



House Through Which the Boiler Was Blown.

today in the manifestation of sorrow. Sixty factories closed their doors.

Business so far as possible was suspended. Street cars did not run during the funeral services, and the traffic on the streets was almost entirely stopped.

Everywhere flags at half staff and buildings were all draped with long black streamers attested to the presence of a great universal bereavement. Marching bodies of silent men, accompanied by bands and drum corps playing dirges for the dead, evidence of the great sympathy with those left behind by the men and women who went to work Monday morning and never returned to their homes.

During the forenoon the bodies of the fifty-five victims recovered from the factory ruins were placed in caskets. The funeral services were arranged, one at the city theater, another at the Porter Congregational church, the third at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

### MISS EVANS STATE'S SPONSOR.

Daughter of General Evans Will Represent Georgia at Reunion.

Savannah, Ga., March 24.—General Peter A. McGlashan, commanding the Georgia Division of United Confederate Veterans, announced that he had appointed Miss Lucy Evans, daughter of General Clement A. Evans, sponsor for the state at the Louisville reunion of veterans.

Miss Leila Scarborough, of Americus, was given the appointment of maid of honor to Miss Evans. Both have accepted.

General McGlashan said he had appointed Colonel W. W. Hulbert, of Atlanta; M. J. Cofer, of Atlanta, and John R. Sheldon, of Savannah, an escort of honor for the sponsor.

### Arctic Exploration Ship Launched.

Bucksport, Me., March 24.—Commander Robert E. Peary's Arctic exploration steamship which was launched here today was designed by Naval Architect William H. Vincent, of New York, and it is claimed is the result of all that experience in arctic navigation to this date can suggest. She is considered the strongest in construction, most powerful and best equipped craft for combating the arctic ice ever built. The vessel is described as a three-masted fore and aft schooner-rigged steamship, with auxiliary sail power.